

Application No. 10/588,240
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Attorney Docket No. 5453-061931

REMARKS

The application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters. Accordingly, prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

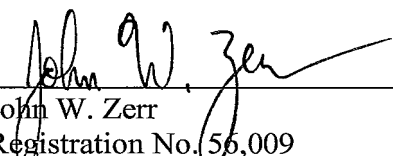
The Office Action of October 14, 2009, has been reviewed and the Examiner's comments carefully considered. The abstract has been amended by way of this Amendment. No further amendments to pending claims 1, 3, 4, and 7-9 have been presented.

Initially, the Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1, 3, 4, and 7-9 define over the prior art of record and are allowable.

The abstract has been objected to because the abstract does not clearly convey certain claimed method steps set forth in independent claims 1 and 3. The abstract has been rewritten to more accurately reflect the subject matter of claims 1 and 3. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the abstract clearly conveys the claimed steps identified in the Office Action and respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully submit that the current Amendment fully addresses the remaining formal matters identified in the outstanding Office Action and that the current application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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